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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: STANDARDIZATION (01.11;
FIFTH JC MEETING (01.00)

REF: A) STATE 287850 (76), B) COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM FROM
KOUKHAR OF GOSSTANDART

1. DR. HOWARD I. FORMAN, CHAIRMAN OF US SIDE OF JOINT
US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON STANDARDIZATION (01.11) UNDER
S&T AGREEMENT HAS RECEIVED COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM (REF B)
FROM GOSSTANDART IN RESPONSE TO REF (A). TEXT OF
GOSSTANDART TELEGRAM IS REPEATED VERBATIM BELOW.

BEGIN QUOTE. MR. HOWARD I. FORMAN UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WASHINGTON D.C. 20230. REF YOUR
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CABLE 23 NOVEMBER WE FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR DRAFT REPORT ON
STANDARDIZATION AREA STOP WE CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MINUTES
OF THE MEETING (JUNE 74) USSR USA SPECIALISTS PRACTICALLY
FULFILLED STOP DEVELOPING ACTIVITY ON STANDARDIZATION
AREA OF SPECIALISTS OF BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE MARKED BY
JOINT COMMISSION AND THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON STANDARDIZATION

SHOULD BE STATED STOP TILL PRESENT MOMENT COOPERATION WAS

HELD AS CONSULTATIONS OF EXPERTS (LOOK MEETING PAPERS 1974) STOP THIS FACT CAUSED SUGGESTIONS TO STATE JOINT WORKING GROUP STOP ACCORDING TO MINUTES OF MENTIONED MEETING WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO ORGANIZE NEXT MEETING IN THE NEAREST FUTURE WHERE WE COULD SIGN STATUTE OF WORKING GROUP AGREE PLAN ON COOPERATION 1977-80 AND ADOPT DECISIONS ON FULFILLMENT OF THIS PLAN STOP WE CONSIDER FEBRUARY MARCH 1977 WASHINGTON THE MOST SUITABLE TIME STOP THE DRAFT OF DOCUMENTS BE SENT IN JANUARY 1977 STOP REGARDS GOSSTANDART KOUKHAR. END QUOTE.

2. TEXT OF GOSSTANDART TELEGRAM IS UNCLEAR IN CERTAIN PLACES AND PROVIDES NO INDICATION OF SPECIFIC SOVIET INTENTIONS. REQUEST EMBASSY SCICOUN CONTACT KOUKHAR, AYKAZYAN AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE TO (A) ACKNOWLEDGE WITH APPRECIATION SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF US DRAFT WORKING GROUP REPORT, AND (B) SEEK CLARIFICATION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS REGARDING FURTHER US-USSR COOPERATION ON STANDARDIZATION IN 1977-1980, INCLUDING PRODUCT COVERAGE, NATURE OF INFORMATION TO BE EXCHANGED, AND METHODS OF EXCHANGING SUCH INFORMATION. THIS WILL ASSIST U.S. IN PREPARING RESPONSE TO KOUKHAR TELEGRAM.

3. EMBASSY'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO CURRENT U.S. DESIRE TO KEEP FURTHER US-USSR STANDARDIZATION EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS ON LOW KEY BASIS AND WITH MINIMUM OF US-USSR TRAVEL.
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